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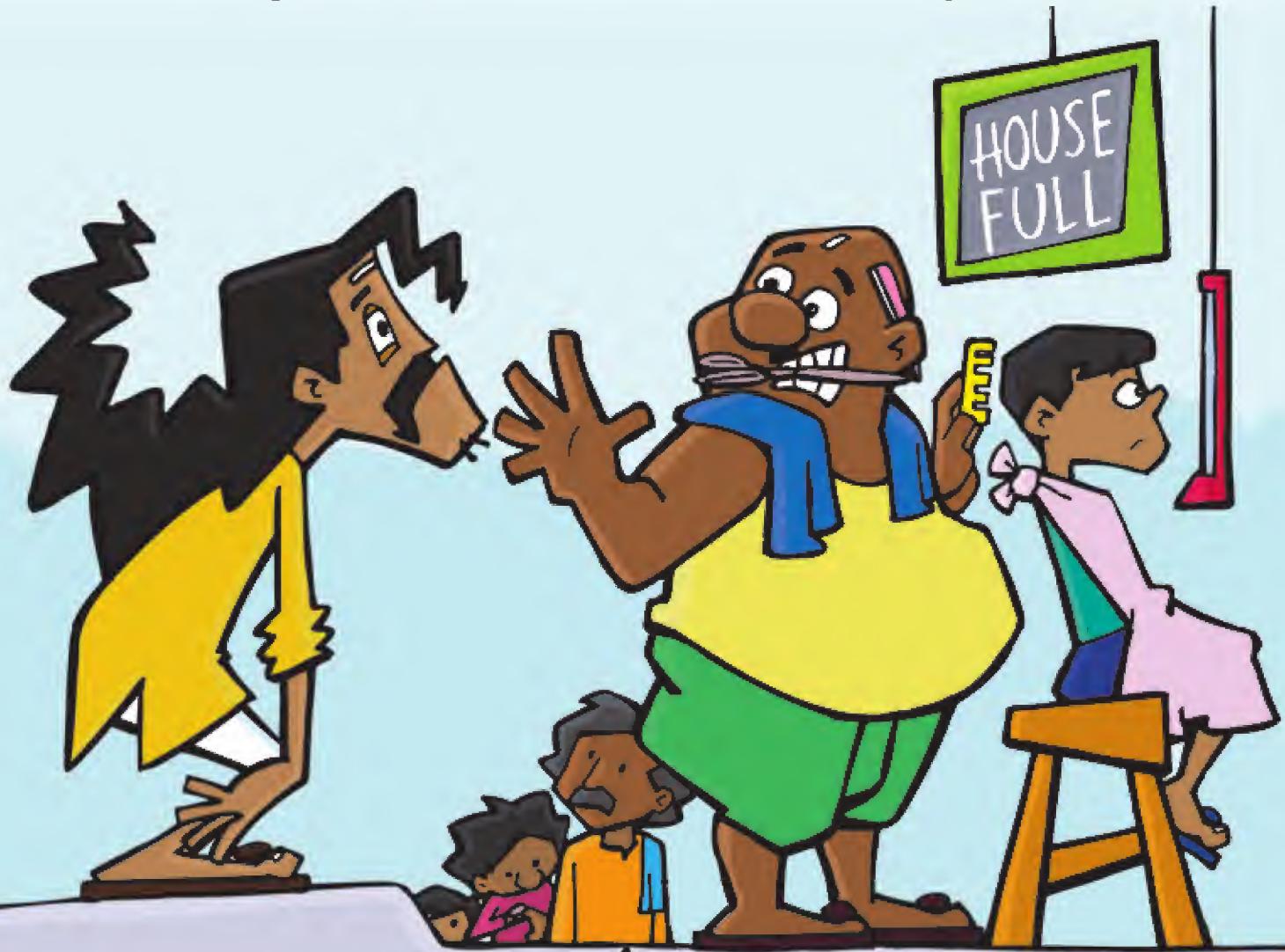
It was the Annual Haircut Day for Sringeri Srinivas.



Sringeri Srinivas left home as usual to go to the local barber.



**But the barber said,
“Today, I have no time to cut such long hair!”**



**Feeling sad, Sringeri Srinivas went back home
to ask his wife for help.**



**But his wife said,
“Today, I have no time to cut such long hair!”**



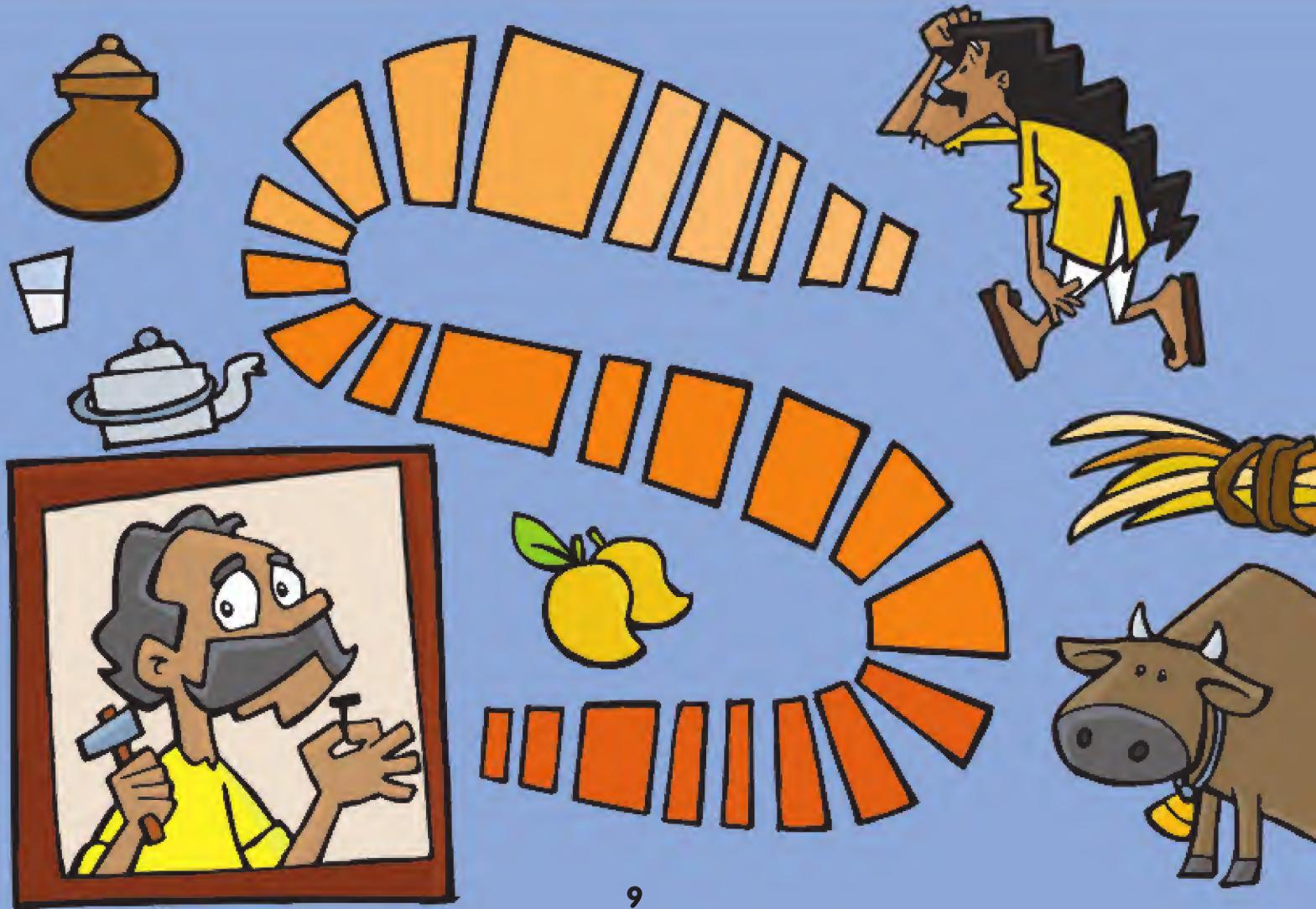
**Feeling a little angry, Sringeri Srinivas went to his friend,
the tailor.**



**But the tailor said,
“Today, I have no time to cut such long hair!”**



**Now a little worried, Sringeri Srinivas went to one more friend,
the carpenter.**



**But the carpenter said,
“Today, I have no time to cut such long hair!”**



Poor Sringeri Srinivas.

It seemed no one would cut his hair on this Annual Haircut Day.



In tears, he walked off by himself past the village forest.



He sat near a cave and cried loudly.



“The day is nearly over.

How can I keep my promise to cut my hair? Oh God, help me!”



**The tiger sleeping peacefully inside the cave
was very disturbed by all the noise.**



**He came out, roaring, waving his giant paws
at Sringeri Srinivas.**



**Poor Sringeri Srinivas was
so scared, so scared, so scared that . . .**



... all the hair fell off his head!



**Sringeri Srinivas ran all the way back to the village.
The tiger went back to sleep.**



**Now, Sringeri Srinivas will not need a haircut
for a very long time.**





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Sringeri Srinivas had very long hair. He wanted it cut on Annual Haircut Day. Everyone was busy. You will never guess who helped him that day! Read and enjoy!

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